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A.—(*a*) The work has not yet been commenced in the red-soil taluks of the Anantapur district as the resettlement of those taluks is due only in 1926–27 and 1927–28. As regards the red-soil taluks of Bellary, the statistics required for the compilation of a scheme report are being collected. The revision of adangals was started in the Hospet taluk in October last and inquiries by special revenue inspectors were finished in 47 villages up to the end of January 1921.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"I wanted a very important piece of information about the settlement operations now going on in the red-soil taluks. They are now finishing their inquiry and behind our back they may arrive at any conclusions from insufficient data. Will the Government at least now call for the information?"

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"Supplementary questions should also, like the main questions, be requests for information. I do not think I can permit any member putting a supplementary question to argue the case or to make an argument out of it. I trust that Honourable Members will bear this in mind."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"I want the names of the villages selected for conducting the investigations."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"I did not say there was any ambiguity. What I said was that the Honourable Member in putting the supplementary question was saying why he wanted the information and how easily that the Government could have got it. All that might be pertinent to a resolution before the House. A supplementary question must however, like the main question, be a request for information."

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur:—"As the investigations are still proceeding, I am not able to furnish any information at this stage."

Issue of country liquor in Tadpatri and Bellary.

480 Q.—Mr. T. SIVASANKARAM PILLAI: "To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education (Excise) to state—

(*a*) how many proof gallons of country liquor were issued from the Tadpatri and Bellary distilleries for the months of December 1920, and January and February 1921;

(*b*) what the number was of proof gallons of country liquor issued during the corresponding months from the distilleries in the three years;

(*c*) what the total number is of date trees marked during the months of October, November, December 1920, and January and February 1921 in the districts of Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool;

(*d*) what the total number is of date trees marked during the corresponding months in the three previous years;

(*e*) if it is a fact that in the districts of Kurnool, Anantapur and Bellary the consumption of toddy and other intoxicants has fallen abnormally;

(*f*) if it is a fact that in these districts the occasion is being taken advantage of by non-co-operators to accelerate temperance in towns and villages, leading to further reduction of consumption of intoxicants;

(*g*) if it is a fact that during the last abkäri sales for the current year there has been speculative bidding on the part of the renters which, coupled with the present distress, has led to serious loss on their part; and

(*h*) if the Government will be pleased to institute enquiries with a view to affording such relief to renters as they may deserve.

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. T. SIVASANKARAM PILLAI :—" Will the Government call for information on these questions ? "

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur A. SUBBARAYALU REDDIYAR :—" The Government have not called for the information ; but are prepared to call for it under such sub-heads from (*a*) to (*h*) as the Honourable Member may point out."

Mr. T. SIVASANKARAM PILLAI :—" Yes ; I should like to have information on sub-head (*g*).'

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur A SUBBARAYULU REDDIYAR :—" It will be called for."

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 465 asked by M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd March 1921, page 924 supra.]

Securities demanded or taken under the Press Act in respect of printing presses and newspapers.

	Name of press or newspaper in respect of which security was demanded.	Whether security was furnished or not.
	1919.	
(1)	Nationalist Press, Madras	Furnished.
(2)	British India Press, Madras	Do.
(3)	Union Printing Works, Madras	Do.
(4)	National Press, Madras	Do.
(5)	Swadesamitran Power Press, Madras	Do.
(6)	South Indian Press, Madras	Do.
(7)	Kanara Press, Madras	Do.
(8)	Andhravani Printing Works, Ganjām	Do.
(9)	Islamia Printing Works, Malabar	Do.
(10)	Muhammadia Press, Madras	Not furnished.
(11)	Siddiki Press, Madras	Do.
(12)	Qaumi Press, Madras, on account of a journal entitled *Paigham.*	Do.
(13)	Hogarth Press, Madras, on account of a journal entitled *Student Movement Review.*	Do.
(14)	Soundaryavalli Press, Madras, on account of a journal entitled *Vysia Patrika.*	Do.
(15)	A new press at Vellore	Do.
(16)	Gnanodaya (Telugu journal), Cuddapah	Do.
(17)	Brahmananda Asrama Patrika (Telugu journal), Cuddapah.	Do.
(18)	Samarasa Bodhini (Tamil journal), Tanjore ..	Do.
(19)	Thanmuyarchi (Tamil journal), Tanjore	Do.
	1920.	
(20)	Dhanavaisya Oolian Press, Karaikudi, Ramnad ..	Furnished.
(21)	Willingdon Press, Madras	Not furnished.
	1921.	
	No information.	